# Author | PROFILE



**R. Gopalakrishnan [Gopal]** Author and Corporate Advisor

R Gopalakrishnan studied physics at Kolkata University, engineering at IIT Kharagpur and attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He has been a professional manager from 1967. He has served as Chairman of Unilever Arabia, as MD of Brooke Bond Lipton and Vice Chairman of Hindustan Lever, as director of Tata Sons and several Tata companies. He serves as an independent director and non – executive chairman of Castrol India and also as an independent director of Press Trust of India (PTI).

He is actively engaged in both instructional and inspirational speaking. He has authored sixteen books.

55 years of Corporate experience. 34 years of Board experience. Over 100 keynotes in India and Abroad. He has authored 16 books. Contributed Newspaper Articles. Management Writer.

R Gopalakrishnan (Gopal to his friends) spends his time in **W**riting, **A**dvising, **S**peaking and **T**eaching

**Writing:** Gopal has been a newspaper columnist and continues to write every month for financial papers. He has also authored sixteen books since 2007, the titles of which are,

- 1) Wisdom For Start-ups from Grown-ups Discovering Corporate Ayurveda
- 2) How Uday Kotak Built A Valuable Indian Bank
- 3) How Harsh Mariwala 'Groomed' Marico
- 4) How Deepak Parekh Grew HDFC Group Exponentially
- 5) How Anil Naik built L&T's Remarkable Growth Trajectory
- 6) How Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw 'Fermented' Biocon
- 7) How TCS Built an Industry for India
- 8) Doodles on Leadership: Experiences within and Beyond Tata
- 9) Crash: Lessons from the Entry and Exit of CEOs

- 10) The Made-In-India Manager
- 11) A Biography of Innovations: From Birth to Maturity
- 12) Six Lenses: Vignettes of Success, Career and Relationships
- 13) A Comma in a Sentence: Extraordinary Change in an Ordinary Family Over Six Generations
- 14) What the CEO Really Wants from You: The 4 A's for Managerial Success
- 15) When the Penny Drops: Learning What's Not Taught
- 16) The Case of the Bonsai Manager: Lessons for Managers on Intuition

**Advising:** Gopal has been a corporate leader for 53 years: 31 years in Unilever and 17 years in Tata. He served in Jeddah as chairman of Unilever Arabia, in Bangalore as Managing Director of Brooke Bond Lipton and Vice Chairman of Hindustan Lever, and as director of Tata Sons. Apart from serving as a director on the TATA parent board, Tata Sons, and he serves as an independent director and non – executive chairman of Castrol India and also as an independent director of Press Trust of India (PTI). Gopal mentors few start-ups. He is actively engaged in both instructional and inspirational speaking. He has authored sixteen books.

**Speaking:** Gopal is an international speaker and is actively engaged in both instructional and inspirational speaking. Over the last few years, he has spoken at conferences, both internationally and in India. **Teaching:** Gopal studied physics at St Xavier's Kolkata, engineering at IIT Kharagpur and attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He is a past president of the All India Management Association. Gopal has a wide repertoire of subjects, specifically – Business in India, Markets and Customers, Governance and Strategy, Organisation and People, and Innovation. He relies on practical examples, rich with anecdotes rather than theory or analytical frame works. He has taught an unusual courses at B school titled "LWNT – learning what nobody teaches".

Gopal serves as Executive in Residence at the SP Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai. He is Distinguished Professor of IIT Kharagpur.

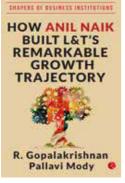
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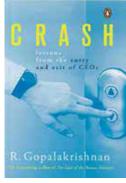


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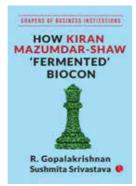
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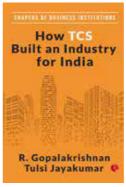




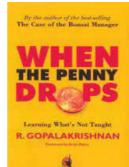


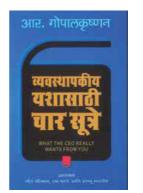


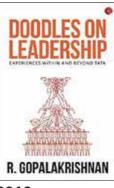


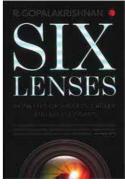




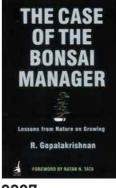


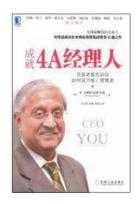












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